

SOCIETY Reveals New Angles at Midseason

Debutante Reign Ends at Turn of the Winter Season

Audience Which Witnessed Mrs. Hoyt's Debut Tore Down Barriers Between Society and Professional Stage.

IN turning the corner of the midseason last week society revealed some new angles that will have their influence upon the future of New York's fashionable world.

It did not remain for one of the most significant aggregations of modish influence in that section of the theatre district of Broadway where the lights were the brightest to establish last Monday the principle that the modern generation of society had torn down most of the barriers that once separated aristocratic aloofness from the professional stage.

But the remarkable audience that nearly crowded out the general public from the Astor Theater when Edna Milton Boyle's "The Squaw Man" was revived with Mrs. Lydig Hoyt, playing next to William Faversham did take down a few remaining bars of the fence that once established the bounds of the fashionable oligarchy, because members of the old, conservative, modish regime acknowledged by their presence their subjugation.

Thus has the last remnant of an old order, like that of unprogressive feudal Europe, been sidetracked by the modern social socialism. Impulsive illusions that prompted impressionable amateurs to flutter about the high lights of professional achievement have become serious realities.

"Society is not what it was," observed a venerable matron, who still talks about the strict constructionist days of the Patriarchs, after one of last week's monstrous parties.

"No, it's better," retorted a typical member of the modern modish world.

It was during the night performance in the Astor Theater, with the audience forming one of chief fashionable incidents of the early half of the night, that the New York correspondent of a London daily asked of one of those present, "My paper London is not after this episode in society tonight, and wants to know if New York society is here out of curiosity or because of loyalty to one of its order who has become a professional actress."

"It must be loyalty," was the reply, "because I see here to-night women (women, not kings and queens, make our social vogue in New York) who regard habitually anything more undignified than a performance of grand opera viewed from a parterre box in the Metropolitan as wild debauchery."

The doing of last Monday night were of special interest to that London correspondent because New York then took on the complexion of London's "Boxing Night," the night after Christmas, which in England is the greatest theater going night of the year. Much of the modern counterpart of the old "400" was to be found at Mrs. Lydig Hoyt's debut on the stage. There was another group in the Knickerbocker Theater, where at the opening of "Bull Dog Drummond" the presence of Mr. Harry Gloster Armstrong, the British Consul-General; Mrs. Armstrong, Sir John and Lady Cadman and a number of other English men and women helped to carry out the Boxing Night significance. Society was represented in most of the audiences at the other plays, but the performance in the Metropolitan suffered socially.

Odd social sidelights punctuate modern time killing, and of such was William Faversham's party after last Monday night's performance in the Astor. He took over the Coffee House and gathered about him as his guests a melange of friends interesting because of its miscellany. In places of honor were Mrs. Julian W. Robbins and Mr. Lydig Hoyt, who had just witnessed their daughter's and wife's debut on the professional stage. Near by Mrs. Brady Harriman sipped her coffee near Mr. Max Eastman, fashionable Socialist and editor of the *Liberator*. Close by Miss Violet Kumble Cooper were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sablin, Mr. R. Thornton Wilson and his bride and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jennings.

Mr. Frank Crowninshield was asked, and would not have missed such an after theater party. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grossmith, Miss Mary Cass Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch, Mr. and Mrs. David Mannes and Mr. Conde Nast were there also.

When the time comes for Mr. Henry Hadley to dress up Mr. Boyle's play with music and make it into an opera there will be little likelihood that Mrs. Hoyt will desert the spoken drama for that which can be sung, although she did study for the operatic stage.

"I did harbor grand operatic ambitions," she said when seen "back stage" Monday night. "I soon found that my voice would not be strong enough for that, or even for light opera or musical comedy intermixed with the spoken word. I cannot sing, but I hope to be able to act well some time and will stick to this work."

At one of last week's soirees some persons were impressed again by the striking resemblance that existed between Mrs. W. George Cavendish-Bentinck and her late twin sister, Mrs. Ogden Mills. The similarity of feature and manner is more marked than that which exists between her twin nieces, Lady Granard and Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps, daughters of the late Mrs. Mills and Mr. Ogden Mills. After having passed several enjoyable weeks among their New York relatives and friends, Mrs. Cavendish-Bentinck and Lord and Lady Granard started back yesterday to their London homes, she to 4 Richmond Terrace and they to Forbes House, Halkin street.

The despotic reign of the debutante has come to an end. She ruled the weeks from early November until Christmas eve. Then came in the still younger set, that will hope for social recognition next year if the members of it chance to be seniors in school this year, or two years hence if they have only reached sophomore or junior years. The debut of a socially eligible girl is graded by her school year, not merely because she may happen to be 18 or 19 years old.

In the holiday parties they have had to work in with younger sisters and brothers who have had the first of the Colony Dances, the Friday Junior and similar dances especially for their amusement. While these parties for the set that has not "arrived" are carried out on a basis of early hours, their dancing amusements are arranged with the same punctilious care that mark the dancing sessions for the girls that have been formally launched.

While there is to be little cessation in the order of social routine, the debutante, having been properly brought out through two months of apprenticeship in the arts of luncheons, dinners, theater parties, suppers and balls that have carried one day into another, now will step into the general fashionable body.

So the parties that are to come with the new year will be less juvenile in appearance, but no less prolific of spirit, and for a time at least will keep in vogue that rather hectic but enjoyable custom of "going on" from one dance to another on a given night.

To-day Mr. and Mrs. James H. Kidder will have a typical New Year's day "at home" in their residence, 6 East Eighty-second street, but not with any hope of bringing back to life an ancient and honorable custom that lapsed when the era of the Patriarchs passed.

To start the new year Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Church will have a dance in the Plaza to-morrow night for their niece, Miss Charlotte Church, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic E. Church. Another entertainment of to-morrow night will be a dinner in Sherry's by Mr. John Achells for his debutante daughter, Miss Dorothy Achells, and afterward the guests will be taken to a theater.

Mrs. Robert Waller will have a dance on Tuesday night in the Ritz-Carlton for her grandniece, Miss Mary Sheffield. Several dinners will precede it.

One of the important balls of the winter will be given Wednesday night by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney to introduce their second daughter, Miss Barbara Whitney. It will be given at their home, 871 Fifth avenue, which was the residence of the late William C. Whitney, father of the present owner. This house was the scene of many notable balls which, from time to time, Mr. Whitney gave for his relatives, including his nieces, Mrs. Courtland Dixon Barnes and Mrs. Frederic N. Watrous, then the Misses Barney and daughters of Mrs. Charles T. Barney, who is a sister of the late Mr. Whitney.

The Junior Assembly again will prove an attraction to debutantes next Friday night in the Ritz-Carlton. Many dinners will precede the dance, which will be a large one. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burden on Saturday night will give a dance at 7 East Ninety-first street for their debutante daughter, Miss Shelia Burden, who was introduced at an evening reception before Christmas week. While the older friends of the Burden family were included at the reception, the dance of next Saturday will be for the young dancing set.

Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting will give a small dance on the night of January 14 at 24 East Seventy-second street for her granddaughter, Miss Iris Cutting, who came recently to pass the winter in New York with Mrs. Cutting. She has been included in the important parties. Miss Cutting is the daughter of the late W. Bayard Cutting, Jr. Her mother, who was Lady Sybil Cuffe, daughter of the fifth Earl of Desart, now is the wife of Mr. Geoffrey Scott of the British Embassy in Rome. Mrs. Cutting's guests will include only the young friends of her granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry White's dance on the night of January 26 at 2 West Fifty-second street, will be for her two debutante granddaughters, Miss Shelia Burden and Miss Adele Sloane Hammond, and will not be for their older friends. A dance already has been given for Miss Hammond by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Hammond, and Miss Burden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burden, will give one for her next Saturday.



MISS ALICE TRUBEE DAVISON
DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. H. P. DAVISON
WHO WILL BE MARRIED
TUESDAY TO
MR. ARTEMUS L. GATES
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MISS KATHERINE VAN INGEN
WHOSE ENGAGEMENT TO MR. GEORGE FABER DOWNEY OF WASHINGTON HAS JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED.
Photo by CAMPBELL STUDIO

MRS. HENRY FAIRFIELD OSBORN, PRESIDENT OF THE CHARITY BALL, ON FEB. 7th

Night Concert at Mrs. Astor's Home for Dental Clinic

Mrs. Maynard, Miss Janis and Mendelssohn Glee Club to Appear.

WHILE frequent entertainments for charity have been held in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor, at 840 Fifth avenue, they heretofore have been given in the afternoon. An interesting concert will be given there on the night of January 17 for the benefit of the Yorkville District Dispensary, a free dental clinic which was started to meet a neighborhood need by Mr. Ogden L. Mills. An interesting program is being prepared, and the artists to appear, all of whom have donated their services, will include Mrs. George V. Maynard, Miss Elsie Janis and the Mendelssohn Glee Club.

Five years ago an experimental clinic was started in Yorkville and little more than three years ago it was incorporated with Mrs. Walter Graeme Eliot as president, Mrs. Arthur Scott Burden vice-president, Mrs. C. T. Bellamy treasurer and Mrs. Lewis S. Wolff, secretary. In addition to the clinic in Yorkville others are conducted by several churches, sisterhoods and day nurseries as well as by the City Club and the Charity Organization Society.

Children are sent from time to time to the different clinics and receive treatment without charge. No salaries are paid except to the dentists and the hygienist. With the proceeds of the entertainment at Mr. and Mrs. Astor's home many needed improvements will be made in the clinic. Tickets at \$5 each may be obtained from Mrs. Walter E. Eliot, 114 East End avenue, and from Miss Florence James, suite 1726, 41 East Forty-second street.

Among the many interested in the work of the clinics are Mrs. Arthur B. Chaffin, Mrs. Oliver Harriman, Miss Ruth Lawrence, Mrs. Carlton James, Mr. and Mrs. George Channing Dummer, Miss Olga Serodim, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tiffany Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dannat Pell, Dr. and Mrs. William P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Warren, Mrs. Charles H. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. John G. Agar.

MISS JANAVINCE KERENS DEBUTANTE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. VINCENT KERENS and GRANDDAUGHTER OF the LATE RICHARD C. KERENS, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR to AUSTRIA HUNGARY DURING the TAFT ADMINISTRATION

Society and Stage Unite in Benefits for Russian Fund

COOPERATION between society and the stage, demonstrated so frequently in the past upon the common ground of charitable effort, is to have a new expression this week in a series of performances of "Keeping Up Appearances" in the Bramhall Playhouse starting to-morrow night for the Russian Famine Fund, which is distributing relief in the hunger stricken district of Russia through the Quakers. Each of the night's performances and the two matinees on Wednesday and Saturday is to have its social significance.

Mrs. Willard Straight has bought the entire house for the Saturday matinee, which will be known as the "Asia Matinee." Mrs. Straight has reserved a dozen seats for her friends and has turned over the remainder of the tickets to the *Asia Magazine* to be resold, the receipts also to be devoted to the famine fund.

Mrs. John T. Pratt has taken the Playhouse for the Wednesday matinee and has invited all the nurses at the city hospitals to be her guests. Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of the Health Department, and Mrs. Copeland will hold a reception for the nurses in the lobby before the performance. Tuesday night will be "lawyers'

night," when a group of attorneys, including Messrs. Paul D. Cravath, Henry W. Taft, Charles C. Burlingham, Thomas D. Thacher and Herbert Parsons will have parties at the theater. Wednesday night is to be "friends' night," so-called because the distribution of the Russian Famine Fund will be in the hands of the American Society of Friends, which has been at work in Russia for the last eighteen months, and whose efforts have received the endorsement of Mr. Herbert Hoover, director of the American Relief Association. Among those who will have parties at this performance are Mrs. Charles H. Bablin, Miss Morgan, Miss Florence Wardwell, Mrs. Frederick Petersen, Mrs. Courtlandt B. Barnes, Miss Emily Fowler, Mrs. Charles Otis and Miss Dorothy Weir.

Thursday evening Mrs. Clare Sheridan, English sculptress, who went to Russia to make portrait busts of Lenin, Trotsky and the other leaders of the Soviet Government, will act as hostess and will hold a reception in the lobby preceding the performance. Between the acts she will give a talk on the prominent men of Russia she met during her stay in that country.

On Friday afternoon there will be a special matinee for players, at which John Drew will act as host. That evening will be Russian night, at which talks will be made between the acts by well known Russians. The performance Saturday night will be known as "international night," when representatives of various nationalities will unite in an appeal for help to carry on the work the Quakers are doing to relieve the acute physical suffering in Russia.

New Supporters for Next Annual Charity Ball

Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn Is the New President for the Historic Dance.

THE official personnel of the next Charity Ball in the Waldorf-Astoria on the night of February 7 for the Nursery and Child's Hospital reveals some new names of supporters of that historic dance.

Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn is the new president and Mrs. Algonson S. Sullivan the honorary president. The vice-presidents are Misses Winthrop W. Aldrich, George F. Baker, Jr., Edward J. Berwind, Jacques Cartier, Gifford A. Cochran, F. Ashton de Peyster, Newbold Le Roy Edgar, Marshall Field, Jr., Sidney W. Fish, James W. Gerard, Sumner Gerard, Robert L. Gerry, Lawrence L. Gillespie, Frank Gray, Griswold W. De Lancy, Kountze, William Goadby Lowie, Charles D. Miller, Grayson M. P. Murphy, Frederick Pearson, Herbert L. Pratt, Whitelaw Reid, John Sanford, M. Allen Starr, Willard Straight, Harrison Tweed and Joseph Walker 3d and Princess Cantacuzene-Speransky. The treasurer is Mrs. Frank S. Witherbee, the secretary is Mrs. J. Archibald Murray and the executive secretary Miss Florence V. Doane.

They have the aid in directing the business end of the ball of Messrs. Albert Eugene Gallatin, Francis L. V. Hopkin, Shipley Jones, George L. Ledyard, de Peyster Livingston, Clarence H. Mackay, William Fellows Morgan, Alfonso de Navarro, Percy R. Pyne 2d, T. J. Oakley Rhineland, Harry Pelham Robbins, Charles E. Sampson, Richard Walling, William Williams and H. Cozier Wilmerding.

Mr. Lawrence S. Butler will be chairman of the floor committee. The members of his staff will be Col. John F. Daniels, Major James C. McGuire, Col. Arthur F. Schermerhorn, Col. Charles Elliott Warren and Major Alfred R. Whitney, Jr.

Reception and Dance Arranged for St. Vincent's

Also Will Mark Silver Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hospital.

THE annual reception and dance under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Vincent's Hospital, which will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria next Wednesday night, will be for the benefit of the hospital, which is at 152 West Eleventh street, and it also will mark the silver anniversary of the auxiliary. The hospital has been prominent in the field of charity for more than seventy years and it is the oldest Catholic hospital in the city.

Among those who have obtained boxes are Countess de Launier-Villars, Mrs. De Lancy Astor Kane, Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, Mrs. Hugh Grant, Mr. and Mrs. William Iselin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Berolzheimer, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Simon, Miss Teresa O'Donohue, Mrs. Peter Deolger, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas P. Brady, Mrs. Hugh Kelly, Mrs. Jose M. Ferrer, Col. Michael Friedsam, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Westergren, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Falmestock, Dr. and Mrs. Constantine McGuire, Dr. John Aspell, Dr. and Mrs. George D. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. William Spain.

Calendar of Events in Society

- TO-DAY.**
- Mr. and Mrs. James H. Kidder, 6 East Eighty-second street, an old fashion New Year's reception, 4 to 7.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Henry White, 2 West Fifty-second street, a dinner.
 - Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer, 157 East Thirty-seventh street, reception for Mrs. George Dewey, widow of Admiral Dewey.
- MONDAY.**
- Big Sisters' Fete, organized by Mr. William K. Vanderbilt 2d, Sherry's.
 - Mr. John Achells, dinner at Sherry's for debutante daughter, Miss Dorothy Achells, theater party to follow.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Church, dance at the Plaza for their niece, Miss Charlotte Church.
 - Mrs. Edwin A. Strong, 565 Park avenue, dinner for Miss Elizabeth Strong.
 - Mrs. Frank C. B. Page, 300 Park avenue, afternoon reception.
 - Mrs. James T. Lee, 429 Park avenue, tea dance for Miss Marion Lee.
- Afternoon reception, with dancing, by Mrs. William R. K. Taylor for subscribers to Holiday Dances, rose room, Plaza.
- TUESDAY.**
- Wedding Miss Alice Trubee Davison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Davison, to Mr. Artemus L. Gates, St. John's Chapel, Locust Valley, L. I., afternoon.
 - Mrs. Robert Waller, dance for grandniece, Miss Mary Sheffield, Ritz-Carlton.
 - Mr. Albert Eugene Gallatin, dinner, Sherry's.
 - Mrs. Arthur Butler Twombly, luncheon, St. Regis.
 - Mrs. George N. Gardiner, small dance for Miss Alice Gardiner and Mr. George Gardiner, Jr., Sherry's.
 - Concert arranged by Mrs. Charles E. Mitchell for Babies' Dairy Association, Waldorf-Astoria ballroom, 3 P. M.
- WEDNESDAY.**
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, 871 Fifth avenue, ball for their debutante daughter, Miss Barbara Whitney.
 - Mr. and Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, 3 East Sixty-fourth street, dinner.
 - Mrs. Arthur Butler Twombly, dinner, St. Regis.
 - Reception and dance by the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Vincent's Hospital, Mrs. De Lancy Astor Kane to receive, the Waldorf-Astoria.
- THURSDAY.**
- Wedding of Miss Agnes Mary Carpenter, daughter of Mr. Paul D. Carpenter, of Milwaukee, to Mr. Albert Halestead, Jr., St. Regis.
- FRIDAY.**
- Second Junior Assembly, Ritz-Carlton.
 - Mrs. Oliver Gould Jennings, 832 Fifth avenue, afternoon musicale by the French-American String Quartette.
 - Second of the Knickerbocker Dinner Dances, organized by Mrs. Henry Clarke Coe, Plaza.
 - Mr. and Mrs. James Cox Brady, supper and small dance, Plaza.
 - Dance of the Bachelors, Della Robbia room, Vanderbilt.
- SATURDAY.**
- Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burden, 7 East Ninety-first street, small dance for daughter, Miss Shelia Burden.

Miss Davison Among Brides of New Year's Week

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Davison to Be Married Next Tuesday.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL, the picturesque little edifice at Lattington, Locust Valley, L. I., will be the scene of the marriage on Tuesday of Miss Alice Trubee Davison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Davison, to Mr. Artemus L. Gates, son of Mrs. E. L. Gates of Clinton, Iowa.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Dr. John H. Hinton and will be witnessed by many relatives and friends from New York, who will leave on a special train from the Pennsylvania station at 3:18 o'clock. A reception will be held at Ponce de Leon, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davison at Locust Valley.

Miss Davison will have a large bridal party, consisting of twelve persons, a maid of honor, her sister, Miss Frances Davison; eight other attendants, Mrs. Seth Low, Jr.; Mrs. Robert A. Lovett, Miss Eleanor Parrish of Richmond, Va.; Miss Louise Durant, Miss Priscilla Murdoch, Miss Mary K. Lincoln, Miss Jean Fletcher and Miss Henrietta Gates, sister of the bride; groom's attendants, Florence and Edith Baker, the two small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Baker, Jr., who will be flower girls, and their little brother, George F. Baker 3d, who will serve as page.

Mr. F. Trubee Davison, brother of the bride, and who was a classmate of Mr. Gates at Yale, will be the best man. There will be nineteen ushers, most of whom also were classmates. They will be Messrs. Henry P. Davison, Jr., another brother of the bride; Cassius M. Clay, R. G. Coombs, Henry M. Balbridge, Allan W. Ames, Archibald G. Mollwain, Jr., Delwood Coan, Robert B. Deans, Charles Hathaway, Jr.; Edward B. Leisenring, Kenneth R. Smith, John M. Vorys, J. Elliot Woolley, David S. Ingalls, Robert A. Lovett, John C. Farrar, J. V. Forestal, James Gould and Charles P. Taft 2d.

Miss Mary Agnes Carpenter, daughter of Mr. Paul D. Carpenter of Milwaukee, will be married to Mr. Albert Halestead, Jr., on Thursday at the Hotel St. Regis. Mr. Halestead's father, a son of the late Murat Halestead, formerly was American Consul in Vienna, and after the signing of the armistice he became the United States Commissioner to Austria. He and his family returned to this country about a year ago.

Invitations will soon be sent out for the marriage of Miss Margaret Reick, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Reick, to Mr. Henry Schermerhorn Sterns, Jr., will take place on the afternoon of February 1 in the Episcopal Church, Madison avenue, and Seventy-first street. A reception will be held at 771 Madison avenue, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reick.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clapp, whose marriage took place in St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London, on November 25, have arrived in this country and are now with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Clapp, 21 East Eighty-second street.

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